

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 44, 45, 49, and 50 without prejudice to or disclaimer of their subject matter.

Please amend Claims 34, 39, 42, 43, 48, and 53 to read as follows:

1.-33. (Cancelled)

34. (Currently Amended) An image supply device comprising:

an interface configured to connect with a storage medium ~~for storing~~ that stores image data and a file describing a printing method of the image data before starting communication with a printing apparatus;

a confirmation unit configured to confirm whether it is possible or not to communicate with a the printing apparatus using a predetermined protocol upon starting communication with the printing apparatus; and

a transmission unit configured to transmit both a print designation created based on the communication with the printing apparatus, after said confirmation unit confirms that it is possible to communicate with the printing apparatus using the predetermined protocol, and the file to the printing apparatus.

35. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 34, wherein the print designation describes information for specifying the file.

36. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 34, further comprising a conversion unit configured to convert the contents of the file into a print designation set by the predetermined protocol, in a case that the printing apparatus cannot interpret the file.

37. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 34, wherein the file is recorded in the storage medium based on the standard of DPOF.

38. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 37, further comprising:
an input unit configured to input print conditions; and
a creation unit configured to create the file in the storage medium based on the input by said input unit before the start of the communication with the printing apparatus.

39. (Currently Amended) A control method of an image supply device having an interface configured to connect with a storage medium ~~for storing~~ that stores image data and a file describing a printing method of the image data before starting communication with a printing apparatus, the method comprising the steps of:

confirming whether it is possible or not to communicate with ~~a~~ the printing apparatus using a predetermined protocol upon starting the communication with the printing apparatus; and transmitting both a print designation created based on the communication with the printing apparatus, after it is confirmed that it is possible to communicate with the printing apparatus using the predetermined protocol, and the file to the printing apparatus.

40. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 39, wherein the print designation describes information for specifying the file.

41. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 39, further comprising a conversion step of converting contents of the file into a print designation set by the predetermined protocol, in a case that the printing apparatus cannot interpret the file.

42. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 39, further comprising[[:]]; an input step of inputting print conditions; and a creation step of creating the file of DPOF standard in the storage medium based on the print conditions input in said input step before the start of the communication with the printing apparatus.

43. (Currently Amended) A printing apparatus for communication with an image supply device having an interface configured to connect with a storage medium ~~for storing that~~ stores image data and a file describing a printing method of the image data before starting communication with said printing apparatus, the apparatus comprising:

a confirmation unit configured to confirm whether it is possible or not to communicate with ~~an~~ the image supply device using a predetermined protocol upon starting the communication with the image supply device; ~~and~~

a reception unit configured to receive both a print designation that includes information for specifying the file, created based on the communication with the image supply device, after said confirmation unit confirms that it is possible to communicate with the image supply device using the predetermined protocol, and the file from the image supply device; and

a transmission unit configured to transmit a transfer request for the file to the image supply device, based on the information for specifying the file in the print designation.

44.-45. (Cancelled)

46. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 43, further comprising a request unit configured to interpret the contents of the file and request image data for the image supply device using the predetermined protocol.

47. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 43, wherein the file is recorded in the storage medium based on the standard of DPOF before start of the communication with the image supply device.

48. (Currently Amended) A control method of a printing apparatus for communicating with an image supply device having a storage medium ~~for storing~~ that stores image data and a file describing a printing method of the image data before starting communication with the printing apparatus, the method comprising the steps of:

confirming whether it is possible or not to communicate with the image supply device using a predetermined protocol upon starting the communication with the image supply device; ~~and~~

receiving both a print designation that includes information for specifying the file, created based on the communication with the image supply device, after it is confirmed that it is possible to communicate with the image supply device using the predetermined protocol, and the file from the image supply device; and

transmitting a transfer request for the file to the image supply device, based on the information for specifying the file in the print designation.

49.-50. (Cancelled)

51. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 48, further comprising a request step of interpreting the contents of the file and requesting image data for the image supply device using the predetermined protocol.

52. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 48, wherein the file is recorded in the storage medium based on the standard of DPOF before start of the communication with the image supply device.

53. (Currently Amended) A digital camera comprising:
a photographing unit configured to acquire image data by photographing;
a setting unit configured to set a printing method of image data stored in a storage medium;
an interface configured to connect with the storage medium ~~for storing~~ that stores the image data acquired by said photographing unit and a file describing the printing method set by said setting unit before starting communication with a printer;
a serial bus interface configured to communicate with ~~a~~ the printer using a predetermined protocol;
a confirmation unit configured to confirm whether it is possible or not to communicate with ~~a~~ the printer using the predetermined protocol via said serial bus interface; and

a transmission unit configured to transmit both a print designation created based on the communication with the printer via said serial bus interface, after said confirmation unit confirms that it is possible to communicate with the printer using the predetermined protocol, and the file to the printer.

54. (Previously Presented) A digital camera according to claim 53, wherein the print designation describes information for specifying the file.